

November 21, 2021

Christ the King

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: Julie Helmers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Julie Helmers

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. David Paxton

“All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!”

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye nations.

People: Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;

People: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

People: be thankful to him and bless his name.

All: for the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

*THANKSGIVING MEDLEY

367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
vs. 1 & 2

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

336 *We Gather Together*
vs. 1 & 2

KREMSER

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O God, our Source and our Hope, we give you thanks for the ordinary and the extraordinary things that sustain us. We thank you for daily bread, for friendships and duties, for good hopes and precious memories, for the gifts we give one another by our understanding of one another’s hopes and hurts, for the rich variety of our experience as human beings, for family gatherings that mark this season. May gratitude abound as we worship you this day. Amen.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: For this beautiful land, for the wide sky and blessed sun, for water and hills, trees and grass, and all the wondrous creatures, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For our senses by which we hear inspiring music, see the splendor of sunsets, taste autumn fruits, smell the fragrance of flowers, feel the softness of another’s caress, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For the laughter of children, the hugs of friends, the smile of a loved one, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For teachers, mentors, and heroes who have aided us in our journeys, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For a place we call home, for food that sustains us, for clothes that keep us warm, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For advances in medical research, the resilience of the body and spirit, and your healing power, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For your comfort in our sorrows and grief, for your mending in our brokenness, and for opportunities to start over in newness, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For making us dependent on you, and even more for your being dependable, supplying all that we require and more from your treasure stores of eternal mercy, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For productive lives, creative expression, and quiet moments, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For the city in which we live and commit ourselves to service, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For our ancestors who dreamed of a nation conceived in liberty, and for the rich heritage they all left us, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For our common bond as believers in Jesus Christ, for the joy of worshiping together, and for giving us a vision of a world in which all will live in harmony, gracious God . . .

People: We give you thanks.

Leader: For creating us in your image, for redeeming us through Jesus Christ, and for sanctifying us with the Holy Spirit, gracious God.

People: We give you thanks.

All: For all these blessings, we are truly grateful.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Julie Helmers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

ANTHEM

Give Thanks

arr. Vicki Courtney

with “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
Let the poor say, “I am rich” because of
what the Lord has done for us, give thanks.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON

“Don’t Worry, Be Thankful”

Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

Chapter 9.3

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor: Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.

All: Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father’s presence.

He put God’s claim on his life above all else.

He drew strength from the Scriptures.

He prayed and taught his disciples to pray . . .

We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all.

Life in God’s presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Jay Rouse

“Let all things now living, unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest hosanna and praise!”

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Dawson Harmon

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LITANY OF INTERCESSION

Great God our Father: you hear our prayers before we speak, and answer before we know our need. When we don’t know what to pray, may your Spirit pray in us, drawing us to you and toward our neighbors on earth.

Amen.

We pray for the whole creation; may all things work together for good.

Let the whole creation praise you, Lord and God.

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ; that begun, maintained, and promoted by Your Spirit; it may be true, engaging, glad, and active, doing your will.

Let the church be always faithful, Lord and God.

We pray for people who do not believe, who are shaken by doubt, or have turned against you. Open their eyes to see beyond our broken fellowship, and see the wonders of your love displayed in Jesus, Jew of Nazareth; and to follow when he calls them.

Conquer doubt with faith, O God.

We pray for peace in the world. Disarm weapons, silence guns, still our ancient hate that smolders and flames in sudden conflict. Create goodwill among men, of every race and nation.

Bring peace to earth, O God.

We pray for those involved in world government, in agencies of control or compassion, who work for the reconciling of nations; keep them hopeful, and work with them for peace.

Unite our broken world, O God.

We pray for poor people who are hungry or are housed in cramped places. Increase in us, and all who prosper, concern for those who cannot help themselves.

Care for the poor, O God.

We pray for sick people who suffer pain . . . or struggle with demons of the mind, who silently cry out for healing; may they be patient, brave, and trusting.

Heal sick and troubled people, O God.

We pray for people who are alone and lonely, who have no one to call upon for help: may they be ministered to, remembered, and befriended.

Visit lonely people, O God.

We pray for families, for parents and children: may they enjoy each other, honor freedoms, and forgive as happily as we are all forgiven in your huge mercy.

Keep families in your love, O God.

We pray for all people everywhere: may they come into their own as children of God, and inherit the kingdom prepared in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, and Savior of the world who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 658	<i>God Is So Good</i>	GOD IS SO GOOD
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Dr. Dawson Harmon
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	Don Besig
*POSTLUDE	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	L. van Beethoven arr. John Purifoy

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	Laura Reichert	Margaret Linville
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Edward Giddens
Vernon Clark	Jean Camp	Anne Thomas
Terri Clark	Carol Brown	

for our extended family . . .

Mary Hammett	Debra Jackson	Cheryl Kelley
Janice Scholl	Uwe Bach	Ed Vermeulen
David Ross	Robert Wilkerson	Charles Taylor
Derek & Lauren Webber	Lisa Krayer Smith	Joyce Williams
Stephen Hogger	Shelley Hiatt	Sonia Burrage

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and serve God and others in meaningful ways.**